



April 9, 2021

Dear TBS Families,

We are excited to announce that COVID protocols are being updated for academics and athletics for the 4th quarter of the 2020-21 school year. We are thankful that we have been able to stay in person since our return last fall and have had no outbreaks on campus. This is because of our faculty, staff, students, and families' commitment to diligently following all protocols. Thank you for partnering with us in furthering the education of your children!

All School Restriction Updates

Classrooms: Students will be allowed to work in groups and sit at a distance of three-feet or more from each other while wearing masks. The change in social distancing will allow for more group work to take place and allow for great teaching flexibility. Six-foot distancing will be still required where students eat lunch because of the lack of masking while eating.

PE (Outside Activities Only): Students will be able to remove their masks when they are stationary and socially distanced (6 feet) or when they are participating in competitions. We plan to include as many of these activities as possible to allow for them to remove their masks while outside.

Mask Breaks: Students will continue to take mask breaks when they are outside and socially distanced.

Elementary Restriction Updates

Outdoor Recess: Students will be able to take their masks off while playing while remaining socially distanced (6 feet). The short duration of recess allows students to not wear masks during this time. Students will continue to play in their designated areas with their grade level cohort. All equipment is sanitized at the end of recess. Students will continue wearing their masks during recess in the gym.

Secondary Restriction Updates

Lunch Activities: Middle School and high school students will have the opportunity to play volleyball (and other organized gym activities) at lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Microwaves: Microwaves will now be available in the student center during lunches for our secondary students to use.

Spring Sports Updates

Low-risk sports: Track and field and cross country can now compete and train without masks. Coaches will need to wear masks at all times, while student-athletes will be required to wear them when not competing or training, and in team huddles and during transportation.





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Moderate-risk sports: Baseball student-athletes can compete without masks, but masks will still be required for training at the school. When conditioning, the athletes can remove their masks if properly distanced. During games, athletes may remove their masks except for during the following situations: in the dugout, when not playing or in huddles.

High-risk indoor sports: As Pierce County is now in Phase 3, basketball can now compete. Masks are required at all times for these athletes. Any family who is not comfortable with their child playing with a mask on can opt-out of playing this year.

Open gyms: These are now allowed for students and coaches can be there to provide instruction. Participants must wear masks above their mouth and nose. Middle school students have the option to choose Open Gym as part of their mini-elective options.

Resources:

[WIAA GUIDELINES](#)

[K-12 GUIDELINES](#)

Thank you for continuing to partner with us as we navigate through this unprecedented school year. We appreciate and share your continued desire to see our kids finish the year in person.

Sincerely,

The Administrative Leadership Team

